

## Message Text

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S E C R E T TEHRAN 8547

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR UR IR

SUBJ: IRANIAN AIRMEN HELD BY USSR

ACCORDING TO AMCONSUL TABRIZ, ON NOVEMBER 28, AN P AF F-5 B  
WITH TWO-MAN CREW DISAPPEARED IN REGION OF SOVIET FRONTIER.  
ON DECEMBER 3 SHAH CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR THAT SOVIETS  
WERE HOLDING TWO IRANIAN PILOTS IN PRISON. IT IS NOT  
CLEAR TO IRANIANS WHAT HAPPENED TO AIRCRAFT:/ I.E. WHETHER  
IT WAS SHOT DOWN OR FORCED TO LAND. SHAH SAID SOVIETS  
SAID AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN VERY BADLY DAMAGED. IIAF COMMANDER GEN.  
KHATAMI TOLD CHIEF AFSEC DECEMBER 4 THAT IRANIANS WERE  
STILL HELD IN USSR. THIS INCIDENT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN  
PUBLICITY AND IS NOT WIDELY KNOWN.  
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